

**Health Commission
Quarterly Report
Second Quarter 2005**

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Health Park move:

The Bear River Health Park Committee has been very busy coordinating the move to the new Health Park. The Health Clinic is scheduled to begin moving on Friday the 19th of August. The clinic will close at noon on Friday and re-open Monday the 22nd of August at the new facility. The community outreach program and contract health are scheduled to move into the new facility on the 22nd of August. This date is dependant on whether or not the living room has vacated the space they currently occupy. As of Friday the 5th of August they were still there, however we have assurances that their plans are to be out completely by the 12th of August.

I.H.S. Equipment Funds:

Last Tuesday we were notified that LTBB was awarded \$290,000.00 in grant funding for the purchase of equipment for our new Health Facility. This award comes from Indian Health Services and the equipment purchased with these funds will greatly aid all of our membership. In addition to the equipment funding that we are to receive through I.H.S. we were also informed of a program through the U.S. military that helps supply health service programs with equipment through a military base in Indiana. Dr. Samuels made a trip to visit this facility and has had the opportunity to request materials and equipment from this program. We will be receiving equipment from them, in addition to this we have left a list of additional equipment that we will be needing and they are looking for this on our behalf. This equipment comes to us at no cost with the exception of arranging for delivery. This unit has generously offered to deliver this equipment to us at their expense if we can arrange for hotel stay for two nights for 4-6 persons.

Dental services:

Dr. Kaplan continues to serve as our Tribal Dentist and his appointments are booked all the way through September and into October already.

Commission meetings:

With the opening of the new Health Facility, the Health Director has generously offered the Health Commission space for our monthly meetings at the new Health Park. Our meetings will continue to be the second Monday of the month, however beginning with the August 8th, meeting we will be meeting at Bear River Health Park.

Medicare cost report:

There has been some concern expressed regarding reporting for a Medicare cost report that was late in being received. As of Friday the 5th, of August this has been taken care of and the Medicare third party billing has been re-instated. Miigwetch to Val Tweedy and Sandy Dubois for there quick action in addressing this situation once they were made aware of it.

Respectfully submitted

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